-with Government and what are the details of cases at the stage of preliminary investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) The details to the extent available with the Government regarding overcharging of prices of bulk drugs and formulations were given in Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 650 answered on 5th September, 1991 and Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1-8-1991. The question of recovery of amount along with in-terst as arrears of land revenue and launching prosecution against the companies or referring the matter to the Collector concerned is under consideration.

Errors Found in the Price recommendations of certain Drugs

1665. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1657 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have found errors in the report of price recommendations of Ephedrine, Ethambutol, Sulphamox-ole and several other drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details of erros found in each report and what are the main points in which clari-fiacton was sought from BICP;

(c) whether it is a fact that neither BICP nor DPRC or any other Committee has any authority not to work out the formulation prices when once the price of the Bulk drugs is notified;

(d) if so, unnder what authority the fixation of prices of formulations not implemented after the notification of Bulk drug prices; and

(e) what is the policy in this regard and what steps have been taken to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): i(a) and (b) This Department after receiving cost-cum-technical study report of BICP examines those reports and fixes the prices of bulk drugs. However, at, times certain clarifications of technical nature or on the other points in, the cost-cum-technical study are sought before fixing the prices.

(c) to (e) Fixation]revision of prices of formulations are done by this Department after thorough scrutiny and examinations of the reports submitted by DPRC Sub-Committee of BICP. While working out the prices of formulation's, among other costs current notified.

Mark ups based on the recommendations of Hathi Committee

1666. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1653 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mark ups based on the recommendations of Hathi Committee were scientifically studied by the Wanchoo Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no study has been carried out and mark ups are being increased unilaterally and arbitrarily;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that no study was made before increase of mark ups and trade commission;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether it is a fact that return on sales turnover in the drug industry is the highest based on RBI study; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) In its report, Hathi Committee had taken into account recommendations of the Wanchoo Committee.

(c) to (f) While increase in MAPE under DPCO, 1987, is based on the measures announced in 1986, the trade commission was increased in view of the increase in MAPE available to the industry. The existing trade commission is based on the recommendations made by the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the then Chairman, BICP.

(g) and (h) The details of the study by Reserve Bank of India are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

बड़ी उर्वरक परियोजनाएं

1667. सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :
श्री वी० नारायणस्वामी :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 23 अगस्त, 1991 को "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" "रैड टेप होल्डस अप थ्री मेगा फर्टिलाइजर प्रोजेक्ट्स" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये तीन बड़ी उर्वरक परियोजनाएं किन-किन स्थानों पर शुरु की जानी थीं, प्रत्येक की उत्पादन-क्षमता और स्थापना-लागत कितनी कितनी थी और प्रत्येक परियोजना को कब से उत्पादन शुरु कर देना था ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन तीनों संयंत्रों को निर्दिष्ट अवधि के भीतर स्थापित नहीं किया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और उनका निर्माण कार्य पूरा करने के लिए निर्धारित नई समयावधि कितनी है ;

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) और (ग) जी, हां।

(ख) और (घ) गैस पर आधारित तीन उर्वरक परियोजनाएं राजस्थान में गड़ेपन तथा उत्तर-प्रदेश में बबराला और शाहजहांपुर में स्थित हैं, जिनकी स्थापित क्षमता क्रमश: 2250, 2250 और 2200 टन प्रति दिन यूरिया उत्पादित करने की है।

ये परियोजनाएं मूलत: गड़ेपन के मामले 1-1-90 से तथा बबराला उर्वरक परियोजना के मामले में 10-11-89 से 36 महीनों के अन्दर पूर्ण होनी निश्चित थीं। शाहजहांपुर परियोजना के लिए कोई शुन्य तारीख घोषित नहीं की गयी है। इन परियोजनाओं के पूर्ण होने में विलम्ब हुआ है क्योंकि कुछ मंजूरियां अभी भी प्रतीक्षित हैं। इन परियोजनाओं के अब 1993/1994 में पूर्ण होने की संभावना है।

Names of Drugs recommended by BICP

1668. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1647 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of drugs for which Government have received recommendations from BICP during the last three years;

(b) what are the names of drugs in respect of which BICP recommendations are yet to be decided upon by Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced the prices of certain drugs;

(d) if so. what are the names of such drugs and what was the price notified earlier and reduced later on;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have found tailoring and loading in certain reports of costing by BICP; and